

**Connecting the Community,
One family at a time.**



The World Zoroastrian Organization Trust
Building Confidence, Changing Lives, Creating a Strong Community

We've Been Tirelessly Fighting Poverty Since 1991...

World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust

WZO Trust For Women & Children

WZO Trust Funds

Farmer's Rehabilitation Project

Since 1991, we have been involved in the rehabilitation of **484 farmers** in **196 villages**, expending **Rs. 65,394,808**. Average annual need amounts to **Rs. 200,000** per beneficiary; we cater to around **15 beneficiaries** every year.

Rural Housing Project

Over the years, we have replaced **256 huts** into cottages made from brick and mortar. Present cost incurred for each replacement is **Rs. 500,000**.

Self-Employment Project

Since 1995, we have extended interest free financial support to **1038 Zoroastrians** across **114 locations**, expending **Rs. 176,057,043**. We hope to benefit this financial year **50 individuals** at a cost of **Rs. 250,000** per person.

Relief from Poverty

Every year we raise funds to extend lump sum financial support to around **350 families**. Additionally, we also support another **400 families** by way of quarterly remittances of **Rs. 3000** per month.

Educational Support & Youth Activities

Number of students benefitted from education support in 2016-2017: **135**. We expect to assist **150 students** at an average cost of **Rs. 65,000** per student during this financial year.

Medical Support

363 individuals benefitted from Medical Support in the last financial year at a total cost of **Rs. 21,710,166**. We expect to cater to around the same number of individuals during the current year.

Support to Mobeds

We jointly run with Athornan Mandal the Mobed Welfare Scheme that supports **67 young full time Mobeds** by way of financial incentives. We have raised and capitalized **Rs. 16,000,000** for this scheme, the interest of which is utilized for the disbursements.

Economy Housing at Navsari

We receive old dilapidated houses as gifts, which we demolish and construct as apartment buildings that are given out on very modest license fees to poor Zoroastrians. We have so far constructed **14** such apartment buildings.

Senior Citizens Centres at Navsari

We have established two centres for Senior Citizens at Navsari, which is a much sought after facility where **55 senior citizens** reside in a very vibrant atmosphere. Average monthly cost is **Rs. 9,000** per resident.

Sanjan Sanatorium

Open to Zoroastrians from all walks of life looking for a safe place to stay and a good meal to eat while travelling on religious pilgrimages through Gujarat, or just for those looking for a little time away. Average annual donations required amount to **Rs. 675,000**.

Partnership with Jiyo Parsi

We have partnered with Jiyo Parsi – an initiative by the Ministry of Minority Affairs of India that extends financial support for treatment of infertility. We are involved in the South Gujarat region, where we have made arrangements with D.N. Mehta Sarvajani Hospital, Navsari to provide cashless facilities to those reaping benefits of the scheme

A Letter from the Chairman



“ Giving a voice to those
that have none is not easy. ”

Our guiding principles



Always extend a helping hand to those less fortunate.



Find a way to get involved in your community.



A single action overpowers countless words. So ACT!

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

Dear Donors & Well-wishers,

John Wesley's words have long served me as a gentle but firm reminder of my purpose beyond fulfilling my own personal needs and that of the ones in my immediate circle. It is too easy to get caught up in one's personal struggles and hardships, and forget that we still have it much better than our less fortunate brethren living merely a handful of hours away from us in less than ideal conditions. However, after 26 years of serving the community and doing my best to uplift my Zoroastrian brothers, sisters and children, nothing instills in me the faith and gumption, to keep rallying forward, armed with the knowledge that I am not alone in this endeavour. Yes, the road has been full of challenges and hurdles. There have been many trying times. But your unwavering faith, unrelenting support and incomparable generosity has kept the fire in my heart burning so bright. It helps to imagine that if your efforts impact me so much, just how much it must mean to those actually benefitting from it.

The journey is far from over. In a world that's constantly under strife and hostility, we still have much work to do. And now is not the time to stop. It has been an honour to have shared this humbling yet enriching experience with you. And I urge us all to always remember that by helping others, we help ourselves the most.

I would like to extend my most heartfelt gratitude to all the philanthropists – institutions and individuals – who continue to astound us with their sincere generosity. You have been a beacon of hope to many in times when the hope for light was all but lost.

– Dinshaw K. Tamboly
Chairman

Highlights of some of our key programs...

Farmer's Rehabilitation Project

Agriculture is a key source of livelihood for a majority of our Zoroastrian brothers and sisters living in the remote villages of Gujarat.

However, lack of tools and unpredictable weather make even basic sustenance difficult. Through our Farmer's Rehabilitation Project we offer the machinery and the labour assistance farmers may need to run their farming without any roadblocks.

These include:

- Drilling borewells and purchasing pump sets so they're not dependent on monsoons alone for their crops.
- Setting up poultry and dairy farms, establishing brick kilns to support their agricultural income and increase sustenance value. Providing tractors and mini-tractors to make farming more efficient.
- Laying pipelines to ensure equitable water distribution throughout the field.



Self-Employment Project

For those from the community with entrepreneurial ambitions but lack of capital to pursue them, our Self Employment Project offers interest-free loans as well as the necessary mentorship. We've set up a multitude of opportunities, so that no one with a particular skillset is excluded.

These include:

- Air-conditioning servicing and repair centres
- Play groups for children
- Catering and tiffin supply
- Running of canteens
- Autorickshaws
- Commercial taxis and trucks
- Mobile phone shops
- Saris and gara embroidery
- Motor garages
- Service station for vehicles
- Pharmaceutical shops and distributorships
- Computer jobs
- Painting and Photography
- Cold storage and General Stores
- Tuition classes and many more...



Rural Housing

Extreme poverty has made even the basic necessity of shelter a struggle to fulfill. Many live in flimsy shanties that hardly stand up to the challenges of extreme weather, wild animals, infections, etc. Our Rural Housing Program alleviates these families from such dire circumstances by transforming their huts into sturdy cottages.

Each of these houses presently cost **Rs. 5,00,000** to build.

We have a long way to go with an estimated 500+ huts still to replace.



Relief from Poverty

Although many find it hard to digest the idea of poverty in the Parsi community, it does not change the fact that a section of the community lives in extreme struggle. We help these families by providing support in the form of lumpsum financial aid. In addition, we provide food grains and other essentials to 200 families every year; we also support over 400 families by way of quarterly disbursement.

Senior Citizens Centre

Our Bai Maneckbai P.B. Jeejeebhoy Senior Citizens Centre and Dolat & Hormusji Vandrewala Senior Citizens Centre offer a peaceful abode for senior citizens, where they live independently with self-respect and dignity. We provide quality services and activities that keep the centre's residents active, healthy and happy.



Low Economy Housing

Thanks to the benovelence of many of the residents in Navsari who gift us their ancestral houses, we can provide affordable housing to Parsis from low-economic groups. Under the Low Economy Housing Program, we demolish the old structures, raise funds and construct new buildings at affordable license fees.

Bai Maneckbai P.B. Jeejeebhoy Sanatorium

Hidden away from urban chaos, and located in the historically rich land of Sanjan, this sanatorium is a palatial bungalow housing comfortable rooms, sprawling gardens, idyllic orchards and more – all available to the community at an extremely reasonable rate (Rs.550/day for full boarding & lodging). Also standing tall and proud on the property adjoining to ours is the Sanjan memorial column.



How Much Impact Does Your Donation Have On The Community?

When you donate to any one of our programs, you may think that it benefits just one individual or family, but the journey of your generosity goes much beyond that – it serves and benefits the entire community and its future as well.





Donate to any of our projects,
as an individual or as a group.

Donations may be forwarded to us by way of cheque/draft.
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*The World Zoroastrian Organization Trust or The WZO Trust Funds
C-1, Hermes House, 3rd Floor, Mama Parmanand Marg, Opera House, Mumbai 400 004*

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